

Application Number: 10/670,027
Response to Office Action of November 29, 2005

REMARKS

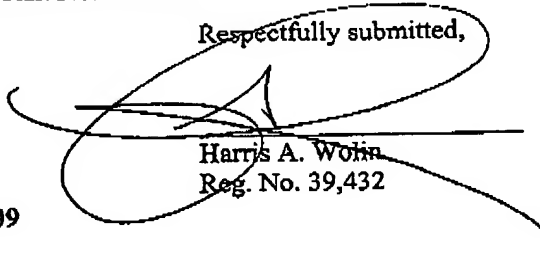
An Office Action was mailed on November 29, 2005. Claims 1-30 are pending.

Several claims are provisionally rejected on the ground of obvious-type double patenting over U.S. Applications 11/077,170; 10/442,905 and 10/151,580. Applicant initially notes that 10/151,580 is abandoned. Applicant further respectfully requests that these rejections be held in abeyance pending the finding of allowable claims, at which time Applicant will submit terminal disclaimers, if necessary, to overcome such rejections.

Claims 14 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Del Mas '680 in view of Lee '021. Claims 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Del Mas '680 and Lee '021 and further in view of Blaustein '584. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Del Mas '680 and Lee '021, and further in view of Luball '644. Claims 22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Del Mas '680 and Lee '021 and further in view of Tortorice '410. Claims 15, 18 and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Del Mas '680 and Lee '021, and further in view of McCord '397. Finally, claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Del Mas '680 and Lee '021, and further in view of McCord '397 and Tortorice '410. Applicant respectfully traverses such rejections in view of the amendments made herein. Specifically, Applicant has incorporated claims 15, 22 and 23 into claim 14, and has further defined an indicia band covering the junction of the two handle sections. Applicant respectfully submits that there is no motivation whatsoever in the cited art to lead one skilled in the art to arrive at the totality of the claimed invention. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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